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1. FOREIGN MINISTER RODRIGUEZ PORTH RETURNED JUNE 8 FROM
LATEST MEETING OF EL SALVADOR-HONDURAS NEGOTIATING TEAMS
WITH MEDIATOR JOSE LUIS BUSTAMANTE Y RIVERO IN PERU. IN
INFORMAL STATEMENT AT AIRPORT, RODRIGUEZ PORTH SAID THAT
CLIMATE OF OPTIMISM PREVAILED AT THE MEDIATION SESSIONS AND
THAT A JUST AND DEFINITIVE SOLUTION TO THE DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES COULD BE REACHED. HE ADDED THAT
THE MEDIATION PROCESS WAS PROCEEDING WELL AND THAT THE TWO
COUNTRIES HAD REACHED ACCORD ON TWO OF THE SEVEN
POINTS UNDER DISCUSSION. FOREIGN MINISTER STATED
THAT HE HAD INVITED MEDIATOR BUSTAMANTE Y RIVERO TO
VISIT EL SALVADOR IN LATTER PART OF AUGUST IN ORDER
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FOR HIM TO KNOW OBJECTIVELY THE DETAILS OF THE
SITUATION, AND THAT LEADER OF HONDURAN DELEGATION
CESAR BATRES HAD ISSUED SIMILAR INVITATION.

2. RODRIGUEZ PORTH PRAISED BUSTAMANTE, Y RIVERO FOR
HIS ATTENTION TO THE POINTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND HIS
EFFORTS TO FIND AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. HE THEN

ADDED THAT IN CASE ONE OF THE COUNTRIES IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEDIATOR OR ANY PARTICULAR POINT, THE PROBLEM COULD STILL BE TAKEN TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF THE HAGUE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION CONCERNING POSSIBLE MEETING OF PRESIDENTS OF TWO COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS THE MEDIATION PROCESS, FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIED THAT THIS POINT HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED AT LIMA MEETING. AS A FINAL POINT, FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT MILITARY OBSERVERS OF THE OAS AT THE FRONTIER WOULD REMAIN IN PLACE AS LONG AS THE TWO COUNTRIES CONSIDERED THEIR PRESENCE NECESSARY.

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